



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012
6 P.M.**

Special Meeting	The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6 p.m.
Present	Deputy Mayor Robert Santangelo, Council Members Gerald E. Daley, Hope Kasper, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Philip J. Pessina, Joseph E. Bibisi, Linda Salafia, Todd G. Berch, and Deborah Kleckowski; Sergeant-at-arms Police Chief William McKenna, and Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.
Absent	Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, and; Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan.
Also Present	Public Works Director William Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Director of IT William Oliver, Personnel Director Debra Milardo, Planning, Conservation, and Development Director William Warner, Water and Sewer Director Guy Russo, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, Acting City Attorney Timothy Lynch, Chief of Police William McKenna, Park Supervisor John Milardo Park and Recreation Director Raymond Santostefano, Recreation Supervisor Debbie Stanley, Fire Chief Gary Ouellette, Director of Human Relations Faith Jackson, Arts Coordinator Stephan Allison, Emergency Management Director Bruce Driska, City and Town Clerk Sandra R. Driska, Youth Services Coordinator Justin Carbonella, Russell Library Director Arthur Meyers, Central Communications Director Wayne Bartolotta, Joseph Samolis Administrative Aide to the Mayor and 6 members of the public.
Meeting Called to Order	The Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and asks Director Guy Russo to lead the public in the pledge of Allegiance.
Call of Meeting Read	The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Deputy Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.
Workshop Opens	<p>The Acting Chair opens Questions to Directors workshop at 6:04 p.m.</p> <p>Councilwoman Kasper asks to address questions to Director William Warner, Planning, Conservation, and Development. She asks about the percentage of the abatement; is that 80% or 40% to 80%. Mr. Warner responds there is no negotiation on the percentage. We are one of the ten or 12 towns with an Enterprise Zone so anywhere in the City, businesses can apply for the Urban Jobs Program offered by the DECD and they can apply for 80% under this State program and then the State reimburses the City 40% of it. Councilwoman Kasper asks if the PILOT is separate from the general fund because in the State there is a deficit. Mr. Warner responds it is under the Manufacturers Assistance Act and the State always gives that money.</p>
Noted for the Record	<p>Councilwoman Salafia takes her seat in the chamber at 6:05 p.m.</p> <p>Mr. Warner states the reimbursement is through the DECD and under the statute they are entitled to the 80%</p> <p>Councilman Bibisi is recognized and asks Mr. Warner on agenda item 12-6, the Bass Federation, where will they launch. Mr. Warner responds they will launch from Haddam Meadows and the Inn at Middletown will be the tournament hotel and we will work with Councilman Berch and his experience and get the weigh in at Harbor Park. Councilman Bibisi asks how many; Mr. Warner responds about 60 entrants. Councilman Bibisi asks if the State is involved. Mr. Warner responds Haddam Meadows is State property and they are in negotiation. He continues Cabelas and Chevy are national sponsors and the Rhode Island and Connecticut chapter presidents are on their way here. Councilman Bibisi states the winners will be here in Middletown. Mr. Warner replies the weigh-ins can be in waves. They have a showmobile thing they use and it will take coordination and the DEEP did endorse it, too.</p> <p>Councilman Pessina asks did you apply to the Coast Guard for a permit. Mr. Warner states no; as of right now we have to see if we can have the weigh-in at Harbor Park; if we can do that we will need a temporary dock and they would involve the Coast Guard. Councilman Pessina states we have to have the Coast Guard involved if there is a regatta. He read they will seek services. Mr. Warner responds \$5,000 is through the Economic Development fund. Councilman Pessina asks if it will not be more than that. Mr. Warner responds no.</p>

Councilman Berch asks Mr. Warner with regard to the United Fathers; where are they located and what type of space will they need. Mr. Warner replies they meet at people's houses and they would like to formalize it and the room is tops 10 feet x 20 feet and they will put in tables and chairs and a phone and desk and it will be after hours. Mr. Warner states Larry is a master gardener and they have donated 3,000 lbs. of food.

Councilman Berch asks to address questions to Director William Russo, Public Works. He states since the Jonah Center is not a director and one of the things that went through is a fence at the recycling center, he would like Mr. Russo to explain why this is occurring. At the boat launch, they are requiring a fence at the transfer center and can you explain that. Mr. Russo states the area down there, there are liability issues to keep everyone out of the center after hours; right now there is access to the boat launch through the recycling center. It is \$17,000 for fencing and its coming from the Bulky Waste fund. Councilman Berch states it is a great project and he would have liked it better that we knew the fence would have to be there before the boat launch was created.

Noted for the Record

Councilman Daley takes his seat at 6:13 p.m.

The Acting Chair asks if there are further questions; hearing none, he closes the workshop at 6:13 p.m. and asks for a motion to adjourn

Meeting Adjourns

Councilwoman Kasper moves to adjourn and is seconded by Councilman Pessina; the vote is unanimous. The Acting Chair adjourns the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O NORWOOD
Common Council Clerk